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Professor W. Libby,

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My dear Professor Libby:

I have to thank you for your letter drawing my attention to the various books in line with your own. We have recently also had three lectures from Dr. Sarton on the line that you mention, namely, the teaching of the history of science. It is quite probable that the subject may be introduced into universities before very long, but I feel sure that for the next few years and for some time after the conclusion of peace our finances in the university will be so absorbed in bringing back to the normal and making necessary developments in the departments that we already have in the university it will be altogether unlikely that we can institute a chair on the History of Science.

Already in the Faculty of Medicine there is a course on the history of medicine. This year, and for the last year or two, it has been given by Professor McMurrich, who you know has a very wide acquaintance with the history of science. Our Summer Session has been confined to the earlier years and to a few subjects simply qualifying for the B.A. degree and the attendance is quite small. I therefore do not think that there is at present any opening for such a course. I will, however, send your letter with the outline of

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your course of lectures to Professor McMurrich.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.